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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Secretary of Defense  
7 September 1977

1. Discussed the latest draft of the Executive Order (5 September). SecDef is talking about sending a joint memorandum to Brzezinski indicating that we both concur with this draft, even though Justice, OMB and others have not yet signed off. The objective is to keep the pressure on the others to get moving here. I said I hadn't heard of this idea before, but it sounded all right to me. In reviewing a draft letter for this purpose, I added, however, that I would want to include a paragraph saying that I believed that the DCI should have full budget responsibility, including the authority to apportion/determine rate of obligation of funds. I have agreed with this Executive Order which does not include this authority at this time, but want it made clear that I do not consider this the optimal solution and reserve my right to reopen the question at some point in the future.

a. I delivered to Secretary Brown my talking paper on how I would intend to operate on the PRC committee budgeting and tasking. We discussed a few points on it but found no disagreement. Secretary Brown indicated, however, that he wanted to study it in more detail.

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4. DIA Building: Secretary Duncan indicated they had a \$77 million excess in MILCON funds in FY 77. They believe there is some legal way to apply this to the proposed DIA building, although they would have to get Congressional authorization. I made two comments:

a. The building should be smaller than that proposed, perhaps

b. The building should be located on the CIA land so that the analysts of the two principal production agencies in the Intelligence Community could be in close and frequent coordination. I expressed my view that this could do more than most anything else to reduce parochialism and promote understanding and cooperation in exchange of information within the community.

(1) Request someone look at the physical and legal aspects of this quickly.

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